

REMARKS

This response to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2008, is supplementary to the response filed August 22, 2008.

Claim 31 was indicated in the response filed August 22, 2008 as having been amended to include all the limitations of claim 24, as well as intermediate claims 22 and 23; however, a limitation was inadvertently omitted from the amendment to claim 31. The current supplemental reply further amends claim 31 to incorporate the inadvertently omitted limitation. No other changes to the response filed August 22, 2008 are made in this supplemental reply. The amendments to the claims presented herein show all status identifiers and amendments to the claims relative to the claims as examined in the Office Action dated May 28, 2008.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, and the amendments and remarks in the response filed August 22, 2008, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels that there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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